

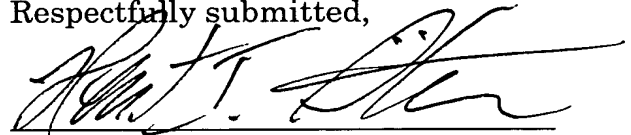
**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination. The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to place them in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101246.55144US).

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